



Rosenthal Advocates Citizen Diplomacy, Says Contact Key To Understanding of Peoples

At the closing session, Feb. 12, of the three-day conference on How Can America Best Promote World Peace, held at the University of Nebraska, Dr. Albert H. Rosenthal, public administration expert and U.S. UNESCO delegate, set forth "the fundamental soundness" of building peace by

(1) the United States help build understanding. He proposed that further on the United Nations and the UN special agencies (UNESCO, UNICEF, World Health Organization, etc.) and (2) the development of "citizen diplomacy"—a process whereby many people would help decide our foreign policy.

Dr. Rosenthal urged the formation of a national commission for the United Nations, which, through branches in states and cities, would involve the wide participation of many people and change the international picture so that people would communicate with people rather than governments with governments. He

cited the Truman plan, Marshall plan and our German program as activities for tolerance and understanding of the United States by foreign peoples.

"Building peace is a difficult and complex job," he said. "We cannot expect to find it all neatly done up in a package labelled 'Peace'. Such labelled thinking is only an escape."

The United States spends 18 billion for national defense and war costs and only .2 billion for international co-operation. He proposed a "Manhattan Project for Peace," government financed and independently administered to keep Americans informed about national and world developments.

SAC Says

By Ted Sorensen, President, Lincoln Social Action Council

The last meeting of the Social Action Council, after listening to the need and plans for Lincoln's proposed public housing, unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the project as vital to the welfare of all groups within the city. We were assured that our councilmen would agree to it. After all, several of them had professed to be friends of the "common people," the workingman, the minority groups; they claimed insight into the social needs and welfare of the community. But the entire city was shocked when these "friends" defeated by a vote of 5-2 the first step toward solving Lincoln's housing problem.

They did not propose to do anything to aid the Negroes now forced into crowded sub-standard housing by high rents and restrictive covenants. They had no ideas about what would happen when the temporary facilities of Huskerville finally wear out. They suggested nothing constructive that could be done about the slums which mar our city's health and progress. Instead they attempted to defend their subservience to private interests by (1) statements of faith in the real estate and building industries to do job they have never done, which is to supply low-cost housing; (2) statements of fear of government encroachment and lack of racial segregation; and (3) finally, statements of complete untruth, of stories of no personal taxes for the occupants of these units, no audits of the Housing Authority's books, and the salary of its manager. We'd laugh at all this as a ridiculous spectacle but it's the tragic truth about a council we elected, and in whom we put our trust, based on speeches they made at the Urban League, Y.W.C.A. and elsewhere. That truth has been betrayed.

Have you friends of SAC called and written your councilmen what you think of their disregard of their supporters? And let us not forget to congratulate Mayor Miles and Councilman Comstock, who proved that public servants in Lincoln can be public servants.

Dr. Kennedy To Speak Here

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, in his first visit to Lincoln since leaving the city 18 months ago, will preach at two Methodist churches here next Sunday.

Bishop Kennedy will speak at 11 a. m. at Trinity church, and at 7:30 p. m. at St. Paul church.

Watson To Sing Othello on NBC Net March 11

NEW YORK. (ANP). Lawrence Watson, young Negro baritone who attracted much attention in critical music circles recently for his portrayal of an old Negro man in the stage play "The Barrier," was signed here last week to sing the part of "Othello" in the Verdi operetta on March 11 over the NBC coast-to-coast hook-up. This will mark the first time a Negro has been given the opportunity to sing the part on radio or stage.

The operetta will be produced by the Buffalo Opera company and will have Clifford Harcourt of the Metropolitan Opera company in the part of "Iago," and June Kelly of the Philadelphia La Scala Opera company, as "Desdemona."

"The Barrier" is an opera presented by the Columbia University Opera work shop. Langston Hughes wrote its libretto and Murial Rahn was featured in it. Miss Rahn is a graduate of the University of Nebraska school of music.

Mo. Negro Demos Refuse Money To Anti-School Man

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ANP). Negro democrats last week refused to support a candidate for the U. S. Senate because he is reported to have blocked legislation in the state legislature for better education for Negroes.

They voted against support of State Sen. Emery W. Allison whom they claimed blocked a bill which would have permitted Negroes to attend the University of Missouri.

Allison is attempting to unseat Sen. Forrest C. Donnell in the fall elections.

Jones: Housing Act Most Important Postwar Law

"The Housing Act is the most important postwar law passed by Congress," said Sidney Jones, successful Chicago attorney, as he addressed the annual dinner meeting of the Omaha Urban league Feb. 14 on "The Urban League and the Community—Problems and Opportunities." Attorney

Jones is president of the Cooke County Bar association. From 1939 to 1946 he served as senior attorney with the Department of Labor and won many cases for the government. In 1947 he went into private practice and won a \$500,000 judgment against a major railroad in favor of the dining car waiters. In 1948, while General Counsel for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, he filed the brief in the Henderson case soon to be heard before the U. S. supreme court.

Jones said the problems of Urban centers are very similar. He noted that although the 25,000 Negroes in Omaha represent a 100 percent increase in the last ten years, only 20 new houses have been built. One half of the non-white housing in Omaha is substandard. But, he added, housing is inadequate in all large cities and explained that real estate dealers are not offering housing within the low price range.

Our national population is increasing at the rate of a million a year, accentuating the housing problem; 810,000 housing units are authorized under the Housing Act, but (as we know) it is up to individual communities to decide how much they want. "We promised veterans that they would have homes fit for heroes, but today one-third of the married veterans live in rented rooms, trailers or crowded in with other families and relatives."

Slum housing, he continued, pays low taxes, has low upkeep and high profits. Slum landlords do not want public housing, but public rents pay more to cities than do vacant or slum properties.

EMPLOYMENT

There are still 5 million unemployed in the U. S., Mr. Jones continued. Production exceeds consumption, the Commodity Credit corporation has about \$4.5 billion worth of various farm products on hand, we are even dying potatoes blue (so people won't eat them) to feed stock while there are hungry in our cities. Some adjustment is needed to keep us away from the situation of the '30s.

FEPC

He noted the effectiveness of FEPC in ten states. FEPC, he stated, will not solve every problem, but it will do a lot of good for democracy and employment for all concerned. With FEPC, there will be an increased demand for the services of the Urban League in supplying competent workers to the labor mart. He noted that on Jan. 24 congress by-passed FEPC but granted entry to 320,000 displaced persons and 5,000 children. Colored citizens are not happy over the fact, he observed, that they will enjoy fewer social, political and economic rights than the newcomers. FEPC, he said is needed for full employment.

Attorney Jones also discussed child, four nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church with Rev. J. B. Brooks in charge.

Charter Given For Carver Monument

JOPLIN, Mo. (ANP). The state of Missouri has granted a charter to the George Washington Carver Monument foundation according to a recent announcement by Joplin lawyers handling the application of the national group.

S. J. Phillips is listed as president of the foundation. Its headquarters are listed as being at Diamond, Mo., site of the birthplace of the noted Negro scientist, George Washington Carver. Formation of the foundation is directly connected with a government-authorized national Carver memorial.

Officers of the group said that a \$50,000 deficit on the birthplace property will have to be cleared before plans can be carried out to build the monument. The federal government authorized \$30,000 to purchase the property in 1943. Legal procedures delayed action and the final court settlement of the matter allocated \$80,000 to those interested in the property.

According to several sources, no action may be taken on the memorial until the resulting \$50,000 deficit is eliminated. Toward this end, the trustees of the Booker T. Washington birthplace memorial took the lead in forming the new foundation.

The newly granted charter states that the purposes of the new group are:

1. To work out ways and means by which \$50,000 may be raised.
2. To assist other nonprofit organizations.
3. To help underprivileged youth through opportunity scholarships.
4. To establish community service clubs.
5. To do research in the field of agriculture and rural leadership.
6. To promote racial understanding.

Charles H. Walker, 2200 Dudley, Dies

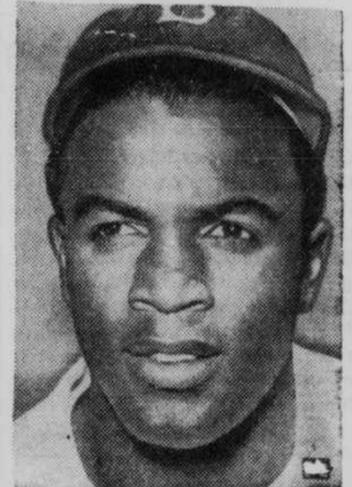
Charles Henry Walker, 64, of 2200 Dudley, died Saturday after a brief illness. He was a cook and had worked for several years with the American Stores, Inc. He had been retired for three years.

Born Feb. 11, 1886, at Muscatine, Ia., he came to this community about 1911. He lived for a short time at Cheyenne, Wyo., and at the time of his marriage to Cordelia Mitchell in 1915 he established his home here.

He was a member of Quinn Chapel A.M.E. church and of Cornhusker Lodge No. 579 I.B.P.O.E. of the World, of which he was past exalted ruler. He was a member of the past exalted rulers council.

Surviving are his wife, Cordelia; stepdaughter, Mrs. Mary Greene of Lincoln; stepson, Charles Robert Mitchell of Lincoln; a brother, Leonard of Des Moines and a sister, Mrs. Eva Brookins of Chicago; one grand-

No Screen Test



—Courtesy The Lincoln Journal.

JACKIE ROBINSON.

HOLLYWOOD. (ANP). Jackie Robinson's experiences in radio, television, and newsreels have given him enough preparation for his forthcoming picture, "The Jackie Robinson Story."

William Heineman, vice president of Eagle-Lion Films, said last week, "I'm sure Jackie will do a competent job. He has demonstrated that he has poise and good speaking voice in many newsreel, television and radio appearances."

Heineman said the movie, which will start shooting Feb. 15, will have enough story in it to hold it together. Much of the film will be devoted to Robinson as a baseball, football, basketball, and track star at UCLA.

"We are steering away from race problems, although they can't be ignored completely," Heineman said.

Jackie is expected to complete his role in two weeks. The role of his wife will be played by Ruby Dee, who is appearing in the new interracial movie, "No Way Out," soon to be released by 20th Century-Fox studio.

public health problems and offered suggestions for individuals who are interested in making our communities and nation better places to live in for all.

THREE CITED

Attorney Ralph Adams presented the League's awards of merit to Amos Pearl, Midwest Bag Co., Milton E. Johnson, president, Carver Savings & Loan association, and Theresa Littlejohn South high senior, 1949 Cornhusker Girls State Governor.

YOUNG NEW OFFICER

Whitney Young, recently appointed executive secretary of the Omaha league, expressed the belief that the day will come when color, race and creed will not be important, but it will not come easily. Negroes must have the respect and accept the obligations of society, must accept the fact of hard work; must make his opportunities and gain the academic and emotional preparedness for specific jobs, he said.

Alfred C. Kennedy, president of the Board of directors, presided.